



NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FORENSIC SCIENCE



April 30 – May 1, 2015 – House of Sweden, 2900 K Street, Washington, DC

AGENDA – APRIL 30, 2015

- 12:00 p.m. **Call to Order/Welcoming Remarks**
Sally Q. Yates, Acting Deputy Attorney General
Willie E. May, Ph.D., Acting Director, NIST
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act**
*Arthur Gary, General Counsel, Justice Management Division,
United States Department of Justice*
*Kristen Hahn, Assistant General Counsel, Justice Management Division,
United States Department of Justice*
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **WORKING LUNCH: Exploring Issues Related to Evidence
Preservation and Retention**
*Greg Matheson, Director, Los Angeles Police Department Criminalistics
Laboratory (Retired)*
*Steve Campbell, President of the Board of Directors International
Association of Property and Evidence*
Cynthia Jones, Professor, American University
Shannan Williams, Forensic Science Research Project Manager, NIST
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Facilitated Discussion**
- 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Reporting and Testimony Subcommittee Report**
Judge Jed Rakoff and Matt Redle, Co-Chairs
Final Document for Vote: Views Document on Inconsistent Terminology
Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment: Views
Document on Pretrial Discovery of Forensic Materials, Views Document
on Testimony Using the Term, “Scientific Certainty”
Status Reports: Report Writing; Probabilistic Statements; Evidence
Preservation and Retention
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **BREAK**
- 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Accreditation and Proficiency Testing Subcommittee Report**
Linda Jackson and Patricia Manzolillo, Co-Chairs
Final Document for Vote: Recommendation on Universal Accreditation
Status Reports: Views Document on Proficiency Testing; Critical Steps
to Become Accredited
- 5:00 p.m. **Public Comment Period**
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- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Interim Solutions Subcommittee Report**
Dean Gialamas and Peter Neufeld, Co-Chairs
Final Document for Vote: Recommendation on Defining Forensic Science and Related Terms
Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment: Views document on AFIS Interoperability; Views document on a National Code of Professional Responsibility; Recommendation on Root Cause Analysis
Status Report: Transparency of Quality Records
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Training on Science and Law Subcommittee Report**
Judge Barbara Hervey and Jim Gates, Co-Chairs
Introduction of Draft Work Product Open for Public Comment: Training Criteria for Judicial Training Programs
Status Report: National Judicial Education Program
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Human Factors Subcommittee Report**
Justice Bridget Mary McCormack and Troy Duster, Co-Chairs
Status Report: Institutional and Organizational Best Practices
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. **BREAK**
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **WORKING LUNCH: Organization of Scientific Area Committees: Update and Priority Action Reports**
Jeremy Triplett, FSSB Chair
George Herrin, Ph.D., Biology SAC Chair
Scott Oulton, Chemistry/Instrumental Analysis SAC Chair
Gregory Davis, M.D., Crime Scene/Death Investigation SAC Chair
Richard Vorder Bruegge, Ph.D., Digital/Multimedia SAC Chair
Austin Hicklin, Physics/Pattern SAC Chair
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Scientific Inquiry and Research Subcommittee Report**
Suzanne Bell and Jeff Salyards, Co-Chairs
Status Report: Ph.D. Education Programs; Recommendation Related to Scientific Literature; Evaluating the Effectiveness of Scientific Procedures and Practices

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The Role of Forensic Science in Mass Fatality Management

Frank DePaolo, Executive Director, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Medicolegal Death Investigation Subcommittee Report

Vincent DiMaio and John Fudenberg, Co-Chairs

Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment:

Increasing the Supply of Forensic Pathologists

Electronic Networking of Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices

Randy Hanzlick, Chief Medical Examiner, Fulton County, Georgia

Margaret Warner, Injury Epidemiologist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

BREAK

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wrap-Up

5:00 p.m.

Adjournment